VRS in ITDC Hotels

2214. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is heavy rush for VRS in ITDC hotels;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for hotel employees not favouring disinvestment process in ITDC?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) The response to the VRS offered in 13 hotels proposed for disinvestment in Third and Fourth Tranche has been encouraging. Out of a total of 2519 (176 executives) employees, 1285 (99 executives) which constitute 51% have opted for VRS.

(c) The employees of ITDC hotels have accepted the disinvestment process and there has been a smooth transition so far.

Allocation of funds for tourist development in Tamil Nadu

2215. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated for the development of tourist spots in Tamil Nadu and other parts of the country during the last three years;

(b) whether any State Government has sought special financial assistance for the development of tourist spots in the State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Department of Tourism, Government of India has sanctioned 967 projects amounting to Rs. 238 crore for the projects relating to development of tourist spots in the country during 1999-2000 to 2001-2002 out of which 56 projects amounting to Rs. 11.88 crore sanctioned for the State of Tamil Nadu for development of tourist spots.

(b) Financial assistance is provided to the State Governments/UT Administrations every year for the tourism projects identified in consultation with them. State Governments/UT Administrations have been requested